

**Software Product** 

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**User Manual** 

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### Introduction

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### DRC thanks you for choosing Ectha PRO

DRC Srl designs, manufactures and markets equipment for non-destructive testing and investigations in the field of civil engineering since 1978.



DRC SrI thanks you for choosing ECTHA PRO. The operating manual that follows has been designed to help you get maximum use from the ECTHA PRO rebound hammer. Read this manual with care before using the instrument and always keep it within reach during investigation phases. This user manual contains safety regulations as well as all instructions necessary for rebound hammer use and any subsequent processing of the data obtained. To take full advantage of instrument use, please read all instructions carefully.

This document is available in a follows format:

- Operating manual .pdf
- Operating manual .html

Both of them are available for download on Ectha PRO download area - www.drcitalia.it

### **Ectha PRO**

#### **Ectha PRO**



ECTHA PRO concrete test hammer is a result of 30 years of mechanical manufacturer experience and unique Italian design.

Concrete test hammer ECTHA PRO is the evolution of standard hammer model "L" develop in cooperation with Università Politecnica della Marche - Ancona on 2003. Pubblication of research "MODIFICATIONS TO THE N CONCRETE HAMMER TESTER AND NEW CORRELATION CURVES BETWEEN THE HARDNESS INDEXES AND COMPRESSIVE MECHANICAL STRENGTH FOR NON-STRUCTURAL, COMMON HIGH STRENGTH CONCRETE. THE NEW FORMULATION OF THE COMBINED METHOD." is available on this page.

Equipped with Blue Tooth technology for the transmission of data in real time with the ECTHA R-APP application allows you to capture and display the values acquired either in the instrument in the paired device, record the test excel files, share files quickly and print the test report in the website through the portable Blue Tooth printer

## **General Safety**

### **General safety**

To prevent the risk of damaging the equipment or provoking damages to the operator or third parties, carefully read the following general safety standards prior to using the concrete test hammer. These standards should always be provided with the instrument, so that it may be consulted at any time by the user/operator. The manufacturer will not assume any responsibility for direct or indirect damages to persons, objects or domestic and non-domestic animals, due to the non-compliance of the safety standards contained in the present documentation.



The instrument must be used by adequately trained personnel, in order to avoid the improper use of the equipment.



The instrument must be solely used for its destined use for which it was designed



The tampering and modification of the instrument is to be considered as negligent and isolates the manufacturer from any responsibility deriving from the misuse. In such a situation the guarantee for eventual spare parts or calibration verification will immediately cease to exist



Do not perform or carry out any type of test with the instrument on any body part of person/s or animal/s: permanent damage and even grievous bodily harm may be caused by the use of the instrument on certain parts of the human/animal body



In the case of faults or malfunction, the instrument must only be repaired by qualified expert personnel. If, after dropping the instrument, the external plastic of the instrument breaks, remove the batteries and power cable and contact a DRC Customer Service Centre for the necessary repairs. Contact with the components inside the instrument may cause injury



In the case of accidental breakage of the monitor, take care to not injure yourselves with the glass fragments and avoid contact of the liquid crystals with skin, eyes or mouth. The monitor is protected by break-proof plastic casing.



Cable: In order to preserve the conformity of the instrument, use only the cables supplied for connection to the input/output terminals of the concrete test hammer, or cables sold separately by DRC

### Aim and limits

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The tests that may be performed on hardened concrete in operation, normal and pre-compressed reinforced concrete, in order to control the quality and estimate the mechanical characteristics the tests are divided into destructive and non-destructive tests. The "mechanical" method for the determination of the surface hardness via the use of the concrete test hammer is among the non-destructive tests. This method is based on the corresponding existence between the unitary load for compression breakage and the surface hardness of the conglomerate, by measuring the remaining elastic energy (rebound method).

The concrete Test Hammer tests are used to estimate, with due limitations in the procedure, the compression resistance of the concrete in previously constructed structures. In fact the UNI EN 12504 -2:2001 at point 1, note 2, prescribes that the test method is not intended as an alternative for the determination of the resistance to compression of the concrete but, with an appropriate correlation, may provide an estimate of the resistance on site.

The Rebound index determined by this method may be used for the evaluation of the uniformity of the concrete on site, to delineate the zones or areas of poor quality or deteriorated concrete present in the structures.

## **Support**

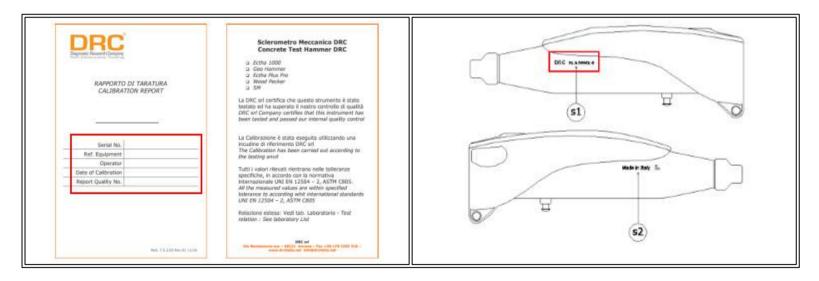
### Support

For any trouble or assistance of DRC equipment, contact DRC Srl assistance service writing at <a href="mailto:assistenza@drcitalia.it">assistenza@drcitalia.it</a>

Fill in **RMA Form** for any assistance or maintenance of Ectha Pro and enclose it with the equipment when send it back for repair or maintenance. Send the document first by email and then enclose the document with equipment.

When you contact the DRC srl for maintenance issue, please use a follows data to identify the unit

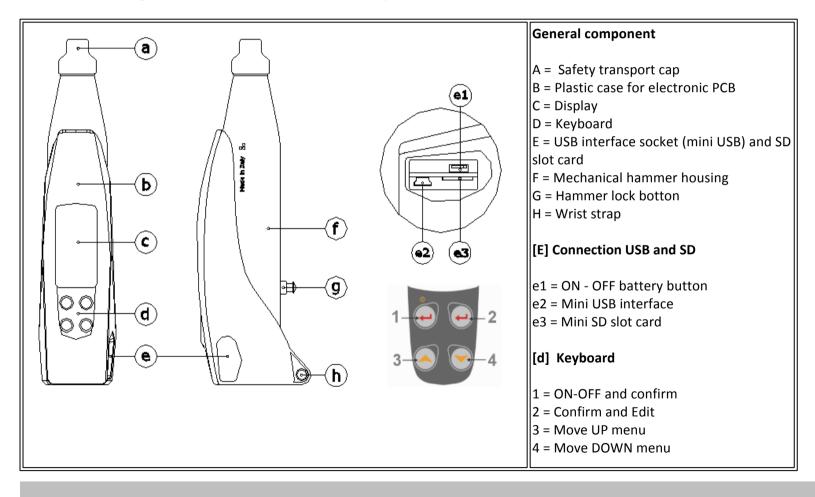
Modello strumento	Numero di serie	Data di calibrazione



## **Getting to know**

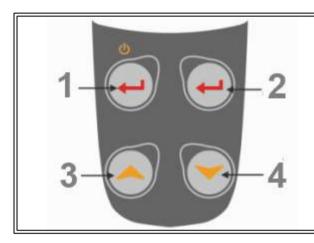
### **Getting to know**

Ectha PRO is made up of a mechanical model "N" rebound hammer with the electronics necessary for data acquisition, analysis and reporting. Below is a diagram of the Ectha PRO Digital rebound hammer and its main components.



3+4 = update firmware

### Keyboard



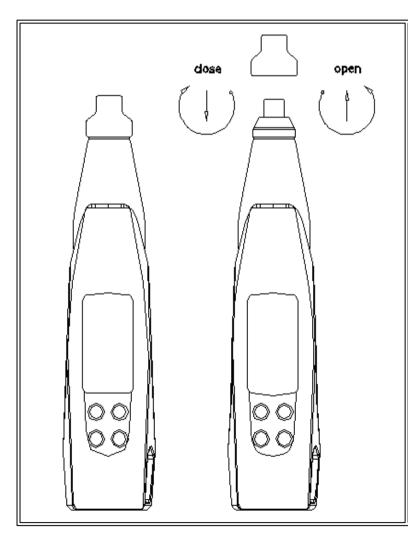
Keyboard is made with 4 buttons through which can manage all functions of the instrument.

W Key 1: ON-OFF - Confirm selection

W Key 2 : Confirm - Select
W Key 3 : Move up menu
W Key 4 : Move down menu

# Safety transport cup

### Safety transport cup



Concrete test hammer ECTHA PRO is delivered to the end user with the safety transport cup to prevent damage during trasport

Remove it before use the concrete test hammer. Do it following below instruction

If while you are removing safety cap the ring is removed as well, please follow the procedure showed on the <u>video</u> to restore the hammer as before.

# **Performing Test**

### **Performing Test**

Below are the general procedures for the proper execution of the survey with the concrete test hammer. Steps to follow:

- Calibration check
- Selection and preparation of the test surface
- Performing test
- Test result
- Report

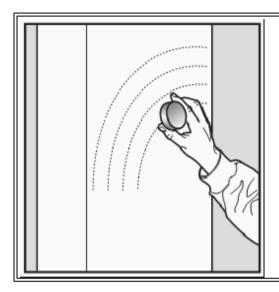
to get more info, see video instruction

### Select and preparation of the test surface

The concrete elements to be subjected to the test must be at least 100mm in thickness and fixed inside a structure. Smaller sample pieces may be subjected to testing as long as these pieces are rigidly supported. Areas that contain the presences of gravel nests, flaking, course textures or other porous elements and in the proximity of significant inertia must be avoided. It should also be avoided, by performing a preliminary Rebar Locator investigation, the carrying out of sclerometric strikes in areas of passing armatures and in the vicinity of pre-compression cables and wires.

In the selection of an area to be subjected to the test the following factors should be considered:

- Identification of the areas interested in the passage of armatures;
- Type of surface
- Status of the surface humidity
- Carbonatation of concrete
- Movement of the concrete during the test
- Evaluation of the damage level of the surface subject to the test
- Test direction
- Other appropriate factors as, for example, the type of concrete and the declared resistance class

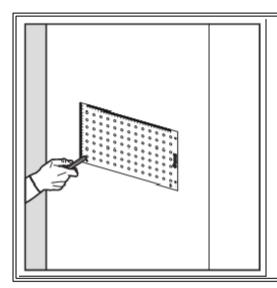


The area to be subjected to the test must be approximately 300 mm x 300 mm. Ensure that the distance between the two points of impact are not less than 25 mm and that neither is less than 25 mm from the edge.

The preparation of the test is carried out using an abrasive medium grain carborundum stone, provided with the instrument, to rectify the surfaces with rough or tender textures or surfaces with traces or mortar, in order to render the surfaces smooth.

The smooth or float surfaces may be subjected to testing without rectification. Remove eventual water residue present on the cement surface.

#### Do a test



Unscrew the safety cap upon removing the sclerometer from its covering, lightly push the percussion rod inwards, compressing it towards a rigid surface.

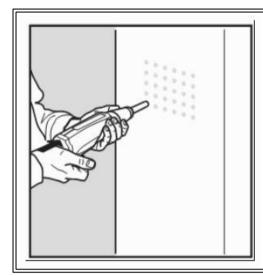
The rod will unhook and exit from the instrument body which is now ready for the test.

Operate the instrument at least three times prior to taking any readings, in order to ensure that the mechanics are operating correctly. In order to facilitate the testing an appropriate station-template supplied with the instrument permits the marking of a normal line grid, with lines distancing from 25 to 50 mm and the intersection of the lines as examination points, on the element subject to the test

Depress the percussion rod against the concrete surface under examination, maintaining the apparatus in perpendicular to the surface. Apply gradual to increasing pressure until the hammer unhooks. Maintain the apparatus firmly pressed against the examined surface, depress the halt pawl and read the value of the bounce index. Do not touch the halt bottom while pressing the percussion rod.

Prior to carrying out a sequence of tests it is best to perform a concrete test hammer calibration using the stainless steel anvil of reference and check that it conforms to the limits recommended by the manufacturer (the average bounce index of the concrete test hammer strikes performed with the ECTHA PRO and ECTHA 1000 to the calibration anvil must be  $80 \pm 2$ ). On the contrary contact the DRC Srl assistance laboratories. The concrete test hammer should be used at a temperature between  $10^{\circ}$ C to  $35^{\circ}$ C. After the impact record the concrete test hammer rebound value

Do not touch the halt pawl while pressing the percussion rod.



After the impact record the sclerometric index.

Employ a minimum of nine measures in order to obtain a reliable estimate of the sclerometric index of a test area. Record the position and the orientation of the sclerometer for each measurement.

Examine all the prints left on the surface after the impact and if the impact has shattered or perforated due to a gap near the surface, discard the result.

After the tests, re-perform the calibration check using the stainless steel anvil. Humidity, carbonatization alterations, chemical aggressions, micro-cracks, composition and history of the concrete, status of the scabrous surface and underlying mass object of the percussion, are all elements that influence the bounce index value.

The concrete altered by the carbonatization will cause an over-estimation of the resistance which in extreme cases may reach 50% (in effect the formation of calcium carbonate provokes a hardening of the surface strata).

The presence of the carbonatization may be ascertained via a colorimetric test. The test is normally carried out by spraying (using a sprinkler) on the lateral surface of the cylindrical micro-samples, extracted via coring the elements subject to the test, with a phenolphthalein solution at 1% of ethyl alcohol (supplied with the instrument). The solution undergoes a color change once it is sprinkled going from a transparent white to a red-violet color when the surface results as not carbonatated;

On the contrary where a surface is carbonatated the solution does not change remaining its transparent white color. It is possible to establish a correction factor of the readings obtained take into consideration the carbonatization phenomenon by comparing the sclerometric test results carried out on both the carbonatated surface and non-carbonatated below surface area.

#### **Test Result**

If over 20% of all the measures fluctuates from the average by more than 6 units, the entire set of measurements taken will have to be discarded (ECTHA-W software allow to do this test)

### Report

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The test report should include the following:

- o identification of the element / concrete structure
- o position of the test area/s
- concrete test hammer identification;
- description of the test area/s preparation;
- concrete details and conditions;
- date and hour of the test run;
- o test result (average value) and orientation of the sclerometer for each test area;
- eventual deviations from the standardized test method;
- o declaration of the person responsible for the test, whom can attest that the 12504-2:2001 test has been performed, excepting that referred to in point (8).

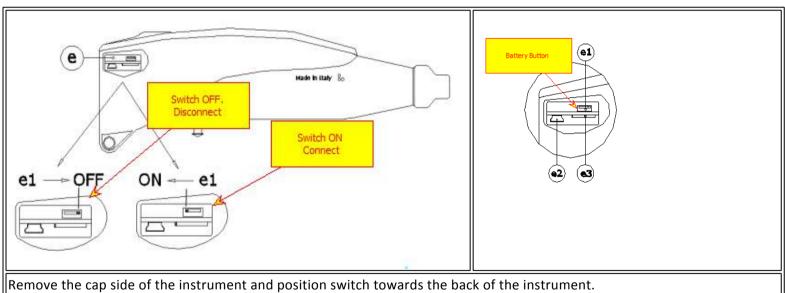
Where necessary, the report may also include the single concrete test hammer readings download **ECTHA-W** free software to make a right report

# **Turn ON-OFF and battery**

### **Turn ON-OFF and Battery**

The instrument ECTHA Pro is made with a manual system that allows you to connect and disconnect the batteries (mechanically) from the instrument. Switch is located under the cap USB interface and SD card ("e1")

With this option, you can safeguard your life and the "life" of the battery. It is advisable to disconnect the batteries for occasional use of the instrument. This makes it possible to prevent damage to the battery (under the memory level) and reduce those situations that you are not professional on-site with the instrument completely discharged.



W ON: Switch positioned on the left of the screen

OFF: Switch positioned on the right of the screen



Connecting the batteries, if not appear any writing on the display to put the instrument on charge by connecting the charger provided with the instrument.



We recommend that you disconnect the batteries at the end of each day's work. This procedure does not allow the batteries to degrade rapidly.



The operation of mechanical disconnection of the batteries means that all the parameters and settings can be lost.

Next time you turn the instrument will need to set measurement parameters

### **Recharge Battery**

Connect the USB cable supplied with the instrument in the Mini USB connector located under the cap interface (E)



Connect the battery before start recharge operation. Warning message will appear if battery is disconnected.

ECTHA PRO has a new power supply system which allows it to operate for over 10 hours continuously. ECTHA PRO must be charged for at least 8 hours to ensure this performance.





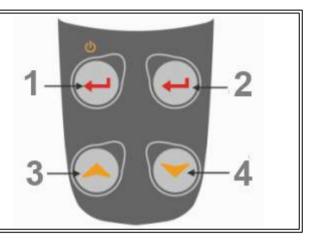
Keep under charge 8 hours to get better performance

### **Switch OFF Echta PRO**

The concrete test hammer ECTHA Pro can be turned off through a menu function described below or in the case of non-scheduled use of the instrument for a long period, we recommend disconnecting the batteries as indicated in the battery connection point

### Stand-by mode

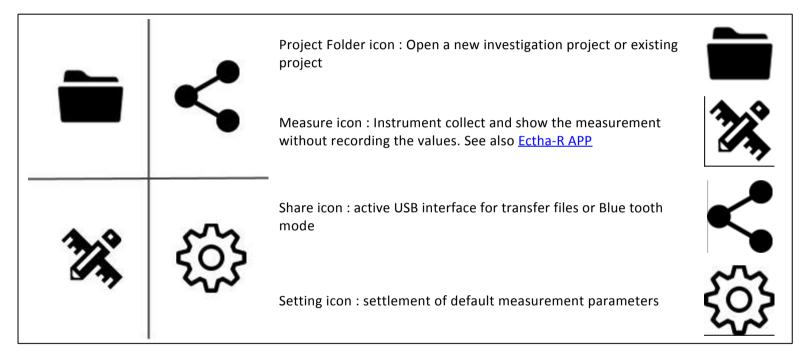
- W Keep press button n.1 for 3 seconds to activate stand-by function.
- W Press the switch-on button for 2 second to activate the unit.



### Menu

#### Menu

Concrete test hammer ECTHA Pro has new graphic menu interface:



# **Project**

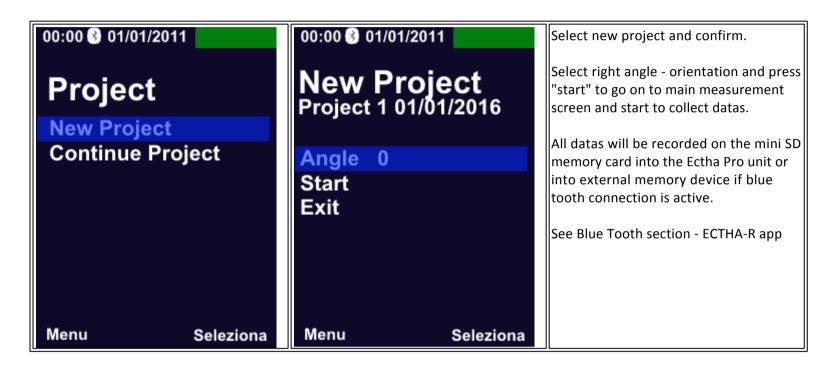
### Project

Use this menu to open a new work session – with recording of values – New Project – or to continue a project already started which needs to be completed –

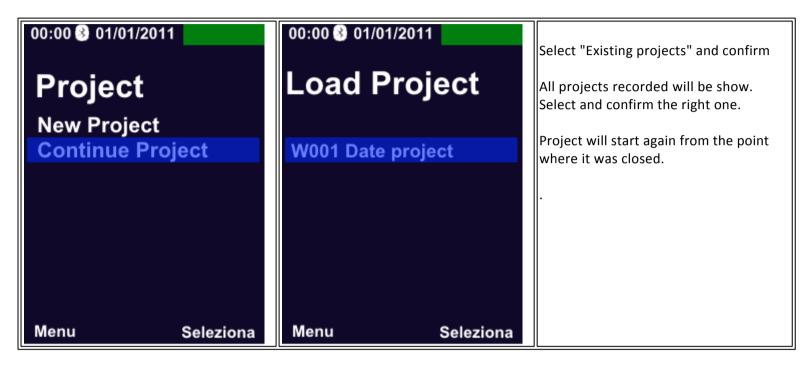
### Continue Project.

The measurements are acquired and recorded on the SD memory card in a .cvs file. The file is recorded with the measurement date and a progressive number.

### **New Project**



### **Existing project**



### Measure

#### Measure

The hammer ECTHA Pro allows you to carry out the measurement of the rebound in two different settings.

- Mode 1: No data recorded on the internal unit memory
- Mode 2: data recorded on the internal memory

In both modes it's possibile to connect the concrete test hammer with ECTHA-R app device and record, organize, analyze and print data

#### Mode 01 - Measure without record data



Its' possibile to see index value, the average, RcK estimated value without record data in instrument memory.

The measuring fencing displays the following information:

A : Measure number

B: Hammer position: green ready to hit and acquire data

C : Rebound index

D : Rebound average index

E: Impact orientation value

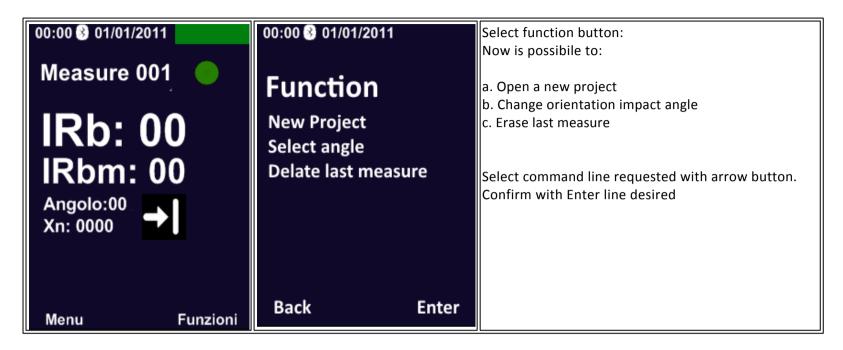
E : Impact orientation icon

F: Number of tests acquired to make average

Menu : Open Menu page

Function: Open setting page for measurement

To connect the unit with ECTHA-R APP you must turn on the Blue Tooth function; see share section



Mode 2 : Measure - Project

Record mode acquire and record data in a project.

New project could be open from main page (Project icon) or selecting "function command" - New Project (see above section) Follow next steps to open a new project:



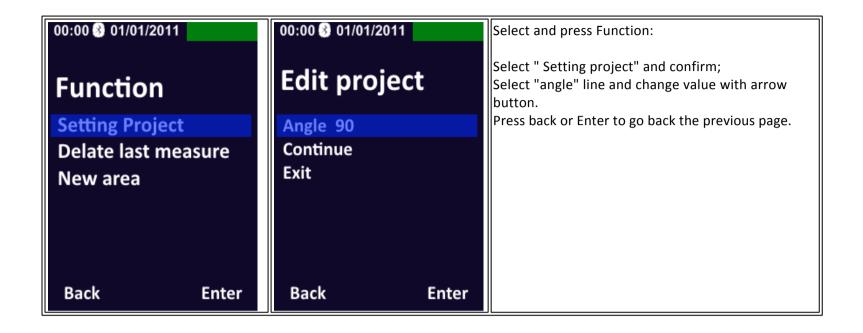
Main screen occur recorded icon active and testing area name (A: 01). It's possible to manage infinite testing area in the same project.

Use Function feature to set all measurement parameters or change testing area.

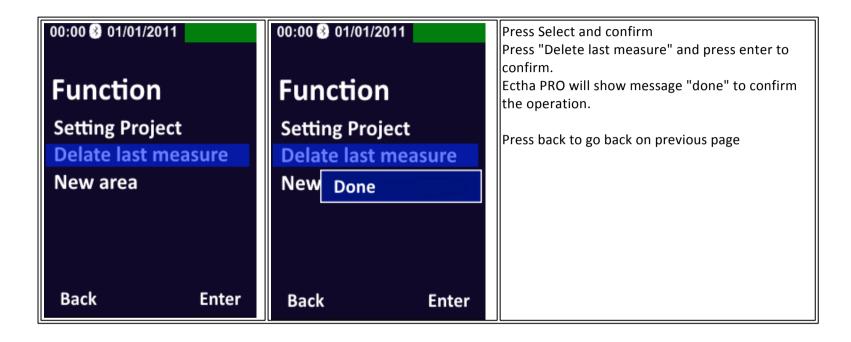
#### **Function - Edit**

Through the control functions present in the main measuring screen you can change the recording settings, as follows:

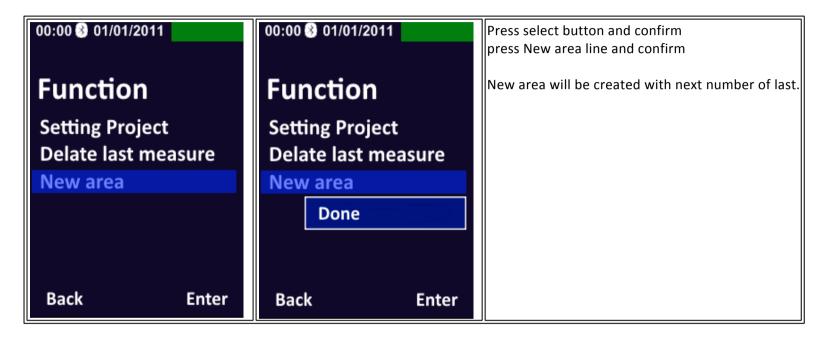
### Select and change impact angle



#### **Delate last measure**



### **Open New testing Area**



### **Save Project**

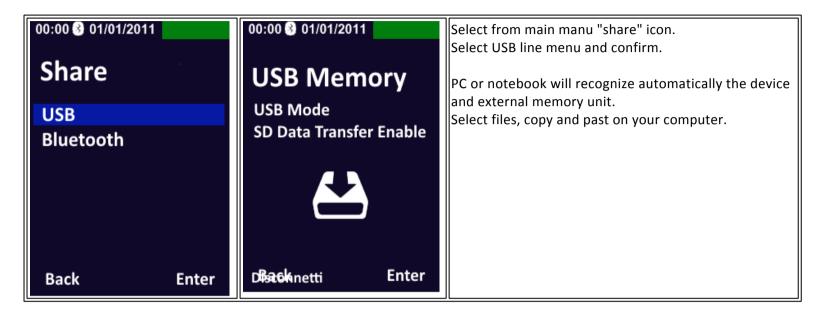
Project will be saved automatically after operator get first hit - rebound value.

### Share

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In this section is possibile to share you files and data with other device and turn on the Blue Tooth function.

### **USB** interface

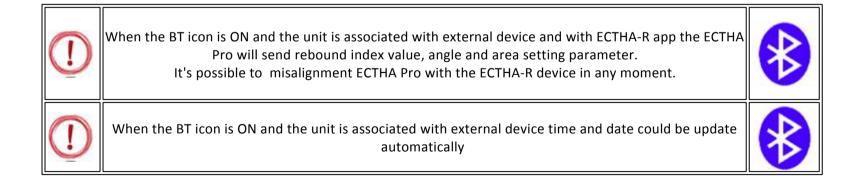


### **Blue Tooth**



Select from main menu, share icon.

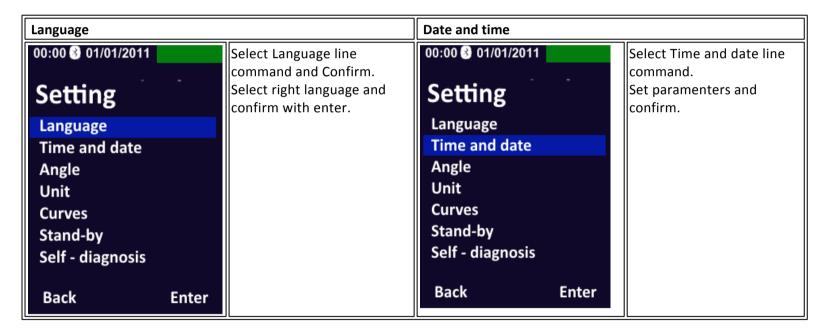
Select Blue Tooth line menu and confirm. Active the Blue Tooth function. Now the concrete test hammer ECTHA Pro is ready to send and receive data. See ECTHA-R section to get more info.



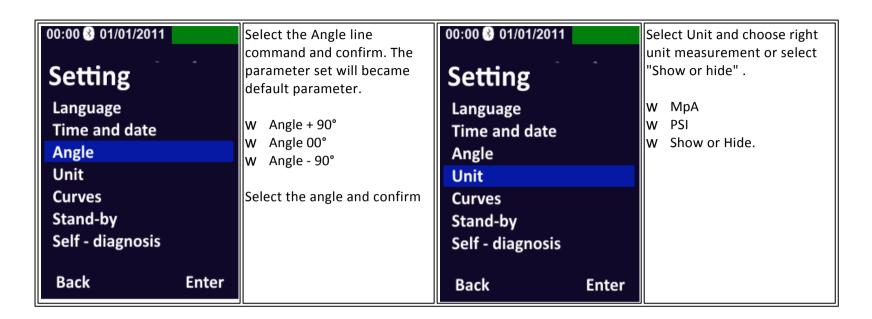
# Setting

### Setting

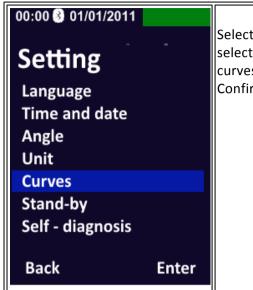
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<u>5. Curves</u>	6. Stand-by	7. Diagnostic	



gle	Unit measurement
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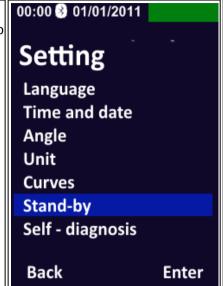


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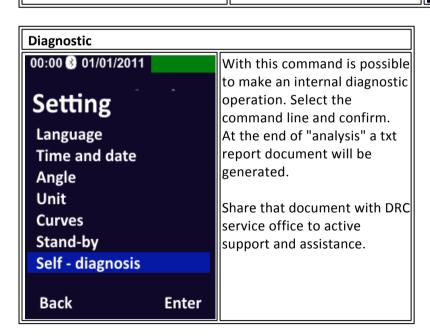


Select curves line command to select the right correlation curves.

Confirm with enter



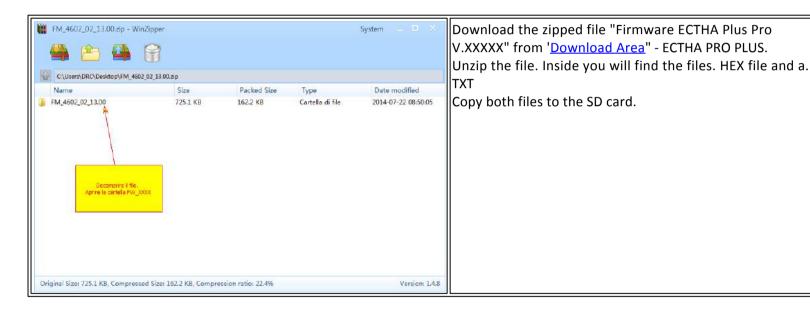
With this features is possible to turn on or off stand-by mode in order to save battery life.

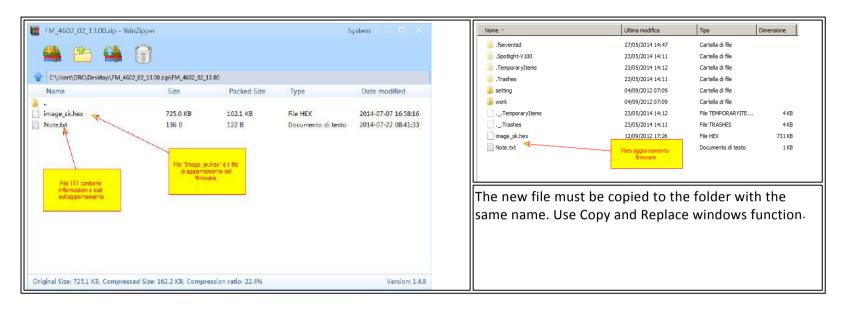


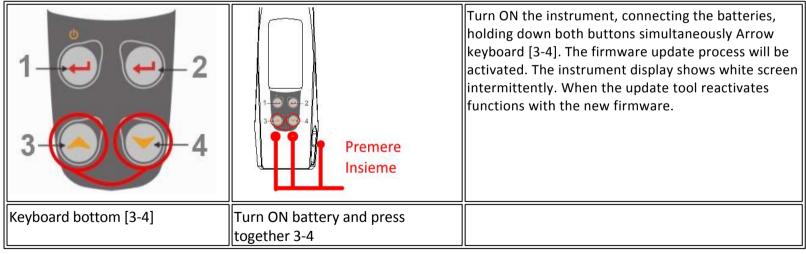
## **Update and restore**

### Firmware up-Date

The DRC Srl releases new versions of the firmware of the instrument with technical updates and improvements. Download the last version of firmware and update the instrument as follows instruction <a href="https://www.drcitalia.it/en">www.drcitalia.it/en</a>







#### Restore

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If the device doesn't work before to send it back to DRC service office, reload the unit with the mini SD back up board included on the device package. Change the mini SD and reload the unit.

Before you do this, copy all the saved data of the investigations carried out.

# **Share**

### Share



Thanks Blue Tooth technology the new ECTHA Pro broadens its possibility to share data acquired with other device.

It's possible to transfer data to PC or laptop by USB interface or with external mini SD card, connect the hammer with Android applicationECTHA-R using the full capabilities of an external device, print the values acquired directly to the site through the use of a portable Blue Tooth printer.

#### **Blue Tooth**



Il nuovo sclerometro ECTHA PRO provvisto di dispositivo Blue Tooth  $4.0~\rm e$  comunica in tempo reale con la nuova versione della APP ECTHA-R .

Grazie a questa funzione ECTHA PRO acquisisce i valori indice di rimbalzo inviandoli alla APP ECTHA – R, che li visualizza e registra, esegue una prima analisi dei valori, acquisisce immagini da associare all'area di prova e, se disponibile la stampante Blue Tooth, dà la possibilità di stampare un report sintetico dei valori in sito.

#### Ectha PROVs ECTHA-R



Ad accensione dello strumento il sistema Blue Tooth si attiva in modo automatico.

Attivando il sistema di comunicazione del dispositivo che si intende associare, questo viene immediatamente riconosciuto. Il nome che appare nel dispositivo Android è ECTHA-PRO seguito da un numero identificativo.

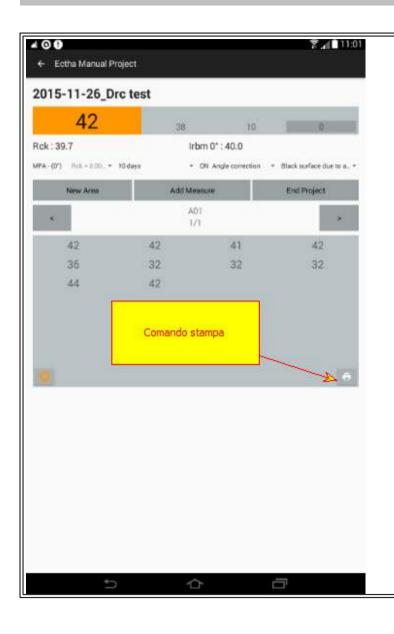
Lo sclerometro ECTHA PRO una volta associato al dispositivo imposta ora e data in modo automatico ed in modo allineato con il dispositivo.

La visualizzazione dei dati indice di rimbalzo nel dispositivo Android è possibile solo con l'applicazione ECTHA-R che deve essere installata nel dispositivo android.

Per maggiori chiarimenti sul funzionamento della APP ECTHA-R visita la pagina del prodotto

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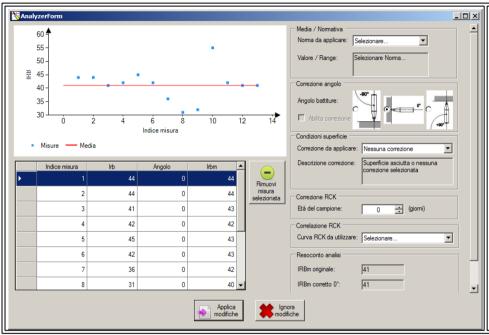
La nuova versione della APP – ECTHA-R permette di visualizzare i valori acquisiti in tempo reale, analizzare i dati, catturare una immagine dell'area di misura, stampare i valori di ogni singola area di prova attraverso la stampante Blue Tooth (accessorio opzionale).

Per procedere con la stampa è necessario configurare la stampante con il dispositivo android attraverso il menu "impostazioni" del dispositivo.

Eseguire l'associazione con la stampante.

Vedi manuale ECTHA-R

#### **Software ECTHA-W**



Il software ECTHA-W è una applicazione windows che consente di analizzare i dati acquisiti con lo sclerometro Ectha Pro e/o con l'applicazione ECTHA-R e compilare un report personalizzato.

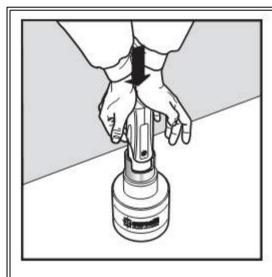
Il software viene fornito con lo sclerometro elettronico, altrimenti è possibile scaricare il file di installazione dal sito www.drcitalia.it nella sezione areadownload Per maggiori informazioni consultare la sezione ECTHA-W

### **Calibration**

#### **Calibration**

Insert the tool into the plastic guide and run a series of hit with the hammer (at least Xn = 10); At the end of the test series, calculate the average value and check if it is within the tolerance range specified on the anvil (80 ± 3)

If the calibration check falls outside the tolerance DRC contact support.



### Testing Anvil

The stainless steel calibration anvil TAM100 for the sclerometer verification is characterized by a hardness of 57.60 HRC (Rockwell Hardness type C), by a mass of 16 kg and a diameter of about 150mm. The verification of the calibration of an anvil does not guarantee that diverse sclerometers will produce the same results in other points of the sclerometric scale. In order to verify the calibration of the sclerometer, the stainless steel anvil must be placed on a rigid surface.

Operate the instrument at least three times prior to initiating the readings from the calibration anvil, to ensure that the mechanics are operating correctly.

Then, following this procedure, insert the sclerometer in the anvil guide ring and carry out a series of strikes (no. = 10).

The average bounce index of the sclerometric strikes performed with the sclerometer ECTHA1000 to the calibration anvil TAM100 must be  $80 \pm 3$ .

# **Standards**

### **Standards**

Concrete Test hammer ECTHA Pro and Testing Anvil calibration TAM100, made from the DRC have been constructed in conformity of follows standards

- StandardISO/DIS 8045
- O EN 12 504-2
- o ENV 206
- O DIN 1048 parte 2
- O BS 1881 parte 202
- O ASTM C 805
- O NFP 18-417
- O B 15-225
- o JGJ/T 23-2001
- o JJG 817-1993

### **Curves**

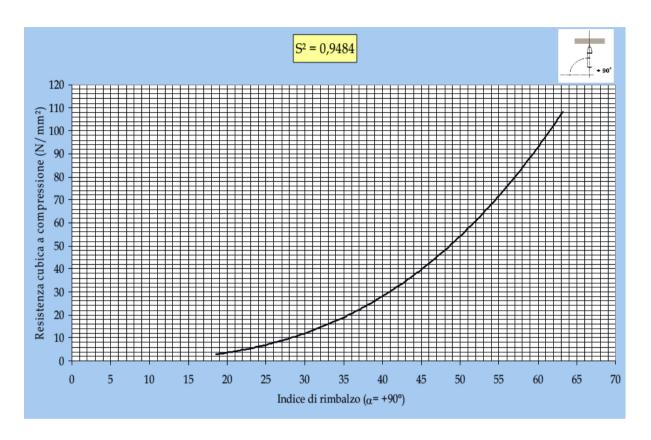
#### **Correlation Curves**

The correlation curves that follow provide an estimate of the compressive strength of the concrete. The curves are the results from experiments carried out by the DRC Srl with the Polytechnic University of Marche (download area - concrete with characteristics of central Italy.

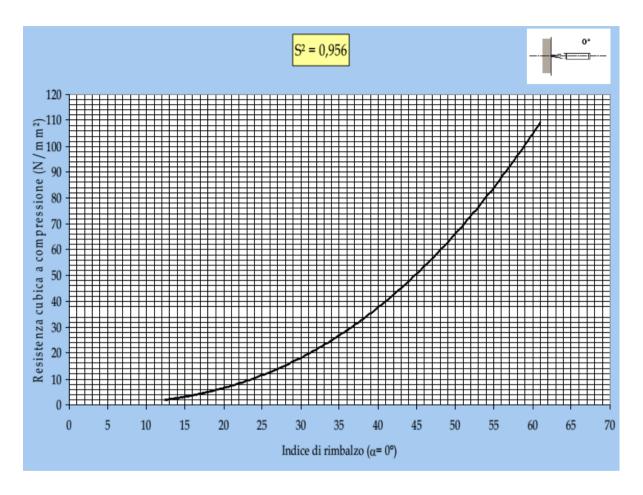
The curves are indicative and are used to estimate the compressive strength.

To determine the compressive strength is necessary to calibrate the hammer with the direct evidence and realize the correlation curves of the material.

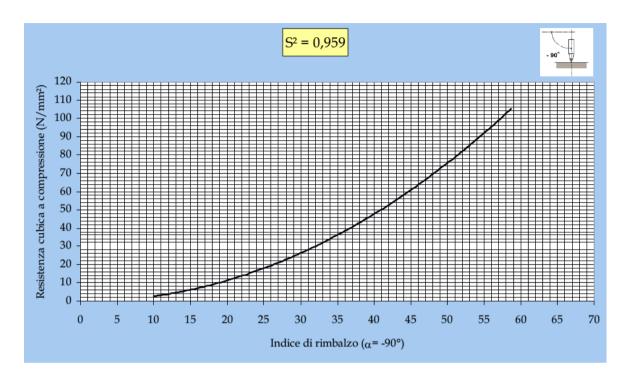
MpA - Angle + 90°



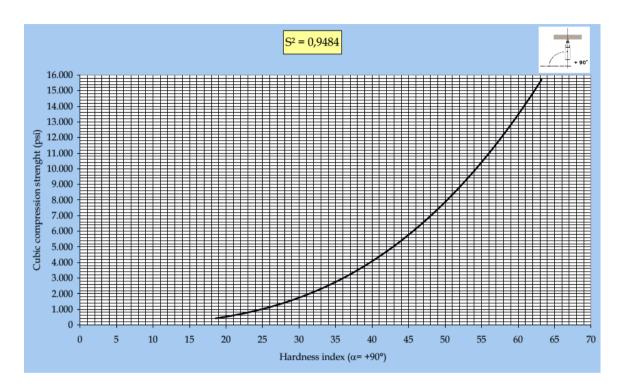
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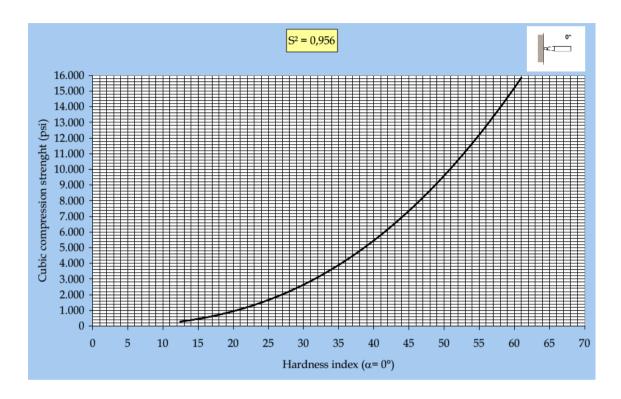
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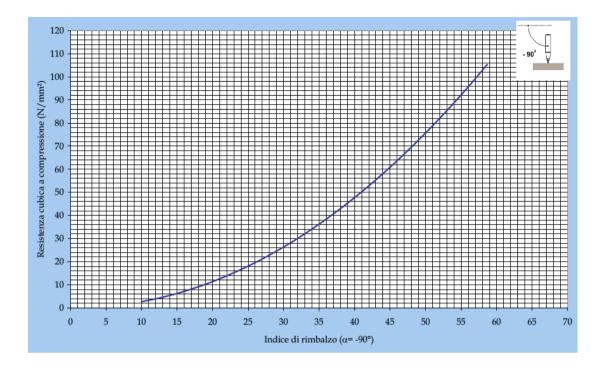
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PSI - Angle 0°



PSI - Angle - 90°



# **Accessories**

### Accessories

ECTHA PRO is supply with below configuration:



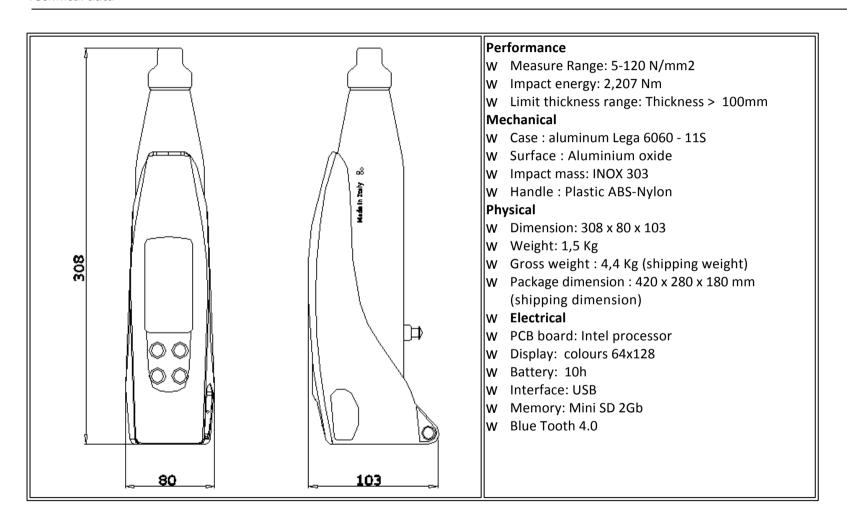
### Ectha PRO

- W Concrete Test Hammer ECTHA PRO
- w Measurement sample
- w Fenolftaleina
- w Abrasion stone
- w Rechargeable battery
- w USB external battery
- w Soft bag
- W Software PC ECTHA W
- W APP ECTHA-R\*

\*La APP ECTHA-R is available on google play

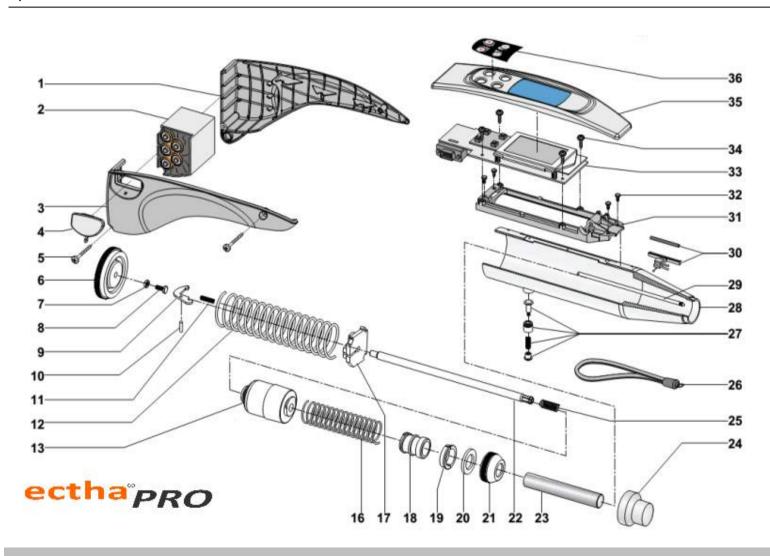
# **Technical info**

#### **Technical data**



# Explosion view

### **Explosion view**



### **Part List**

Pos	Codice	Descrizione	Pos	Codice	Descrizione
1	01.DRC.0092	left side shell	19	01.TRE.0114	block segment
2	01.DRC.0091	batteries	20	01.DRC.0070	washer
3	01.DRC.0093	right side shell	21	01.TRE.0103	push rod
4	01.DRC.0089	USB cap	22	01.TRE.0111	sliding beam
5	01.DRC.0094	Screw TCTC 35x42	23	01.TRE.0109	percussion beam
6	01.TRE.0104	rear cap	24	01.TRE.0116	transport cap
7	01.DRC.0076	Nut M6	25	01.ADR.0001	spring
8	01.DRC.0075	Screw TCE M6x14	26	01.DRC.0074	belt
9	01.OMP.0001	Hook	27	01.TRE.0107*	push button
10	01.TRE.0115	pin hook	28	01.DRC:0098	aluminum shell
11	01.ADR.0004	spring hook	29	01.TRE.0113	index rod
12	01.ADR.0002	back spring	30	01.DRC.0097	cursor
13	01.TRE.0110	hammer	31-32	01.DRC.0096	PCB fixing base
16	01.ADR.0005	hammer spring	33-34	01.DRC.0090	PCB board
17	01.TRE.0108	hammer support	35	01.DRC.0084	top shell
18	01.TRE.0101	support for percussion spring	36	01.DRC.0107	keyboard

# **Video instruction**

#### **Video Instruction**

### **Ectha PRO**

**Ectha PRO Vs ECTHA-R App** 

Remove transport cup

**Calibration check** 

**Testing area** 

How to set testing area

**Performing test**